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1. (C) In a January 11 conversation with the Ambassador, Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon asked how the U.S. views recent developments in Pakistan. The Ambassador conveyed that the U.S. and India share concerns about Pakistan turning into a failed state, and he commended the Indian government's silence. Menon responded, "We have been very quiet, and very worried." He related that during a recent Parliamentary Standing Committee meeting, during which Members of Parliament quiz the government secretaries, he had expected to hear customary complaints about the government's lack of resolve, but instead heard complimentary remarks supportive of the government's ability to disengage from Pakistan's crises. "They realize this is the first time that we have stayed out and not been cited as a cause for their trouble," Menon remarked.  
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